

## **Lack of Education in Rural Areas of the Philippines**

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In most rural or provincial areas of the Philippines, education can be hard to come by at times. There are not many schools in those areas for reasons such as how remote the place may be or lack of funding from the government. Another reason as to why some children cannot go to school in these areas is because of poverty. Some families may not have the funds to send their children to school or get a form of education. This issue leads to thousands of children being illiterate. These children lack the awareness and knowledge of breaking out of their situation.

At the MMUN NYC Conference of 2018, in an interview with the delegate of the United Mexican States about their opinion as a Filipino on the lack of education in rural areas of the Philippines, they stated that education should be free for all children. The delegate explained that rural areas in the country experience much poverty. The delegate told the writer that they were saddened at the fact that these children are not able to receive an education.

This topic brings up the possible ways to eradicate poverty. One way that the delegate that the United Mexican States suggested was to create more funds for housing and infrastructure for the poor so that they may have better shelter. Another way would be to have outreach programs that would send supplies and resources to those in need. Things such as textbooks or clothes can be donated to children who do not have much of these.

In the Philippines, funds for people in poverty do not always reach them as many government officials are corrupt and instead keep the money for themselves. In the past, this has happened many times and people in poverty are still recovering from this even to this day. Providing aid and education to these people will be able to help them to become more successful in their lives by giving them what they need. Through education, children will be able to learn more about their world and how to better it by helping others who lack education.